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**Thailand Poultry Meat Exports (MT) from 2001-2003**

	2001	2002	2003
Chicken	309,542,871	330,331,215	334,686,339
Turkey	177,966	27,071	35,964
Other	20,214,141	22,119,895	<b>**18,080,580**</b>
Total	329,934,978	352,478,181	352,802,883

Source: Thailand Customs Department/USDA FAS

**Thailand Poultry Meat Imports (MT) from 2001-2003**

	2001	2002	2003
Chicken	113,746	170,728	208,515
Turkey	66,086	96,640	121,105
Other	135,588	166,657	73,005
Total Poultry	315,420	434,025	402,625

Source: Thailand Customs Department

**Thailand Poultry Meat Production (MT) from 1992-2002**

Year	Production	Year	Production
2002	144,975	1996	1,044,388
2001	1,365,750	1995	1,007,212
2000	1,220,188	1994	996,350
1999	1,189,692	1993	1,055,682
1998	1,189,112	1992	1,039,948
1997	1,056,512		

Source: Food & Agriculture Organization of the United Nations/  
Thailand Customs Department/USDA FAS

**Avian Influenza Update:**

Since South Korea's Avian Influenza outbreak in December of 2003 the disease has spread to other East Asian countries such as Vietnam, Japan, Taiwan, and suspected Thailand. To date, South Korea has lost more than one million chickens and ducks to the flu or enforced culling of affected areas, in order to try and contain the disease. As of January 6, South Korea has confirmed 15 cases of infected poultry farms. The country's poultry and restaurant industry have suffered, along with the 40% reduction in prices, as a result of consumer panic.

On January 5, Thailand was suspected of having the avian influenza. The Penang Poultry Farmers Association voiced their concerns over the possibility of infected live chickens being smuggled into the country do to rampant smuggling. However as of January 9 not a single case of the virus has been diagnosed. The country did battle with fowl cholera in mid-November of 2003.

Taiwan reported its first case of the bird flu January 6 when 6 ducks were smuggled into the country from mainland China, which runs rampant near Taiwan's' frontline island Quemoy. The ducks tested positive and were immediately destroyed. The Council of Agriculture is closely monitoring the situation to prevent any spread of the disease.

In Vietnam, the confirmed bird flu as of last week has killed as many as 100,000 chickens and ducks with an estimated 600,000 birds showing signs. In Ho Chi Minh City, about 2.5 tons of birds have died and been buried just over the course of the last few days. Authorities are trying to control the spread of the disease as panic selling of

birds by local farmers is spreading the virus. Monday January 12, Vietnam requested help from the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, who are sending in experts to help tackle the disease. Vietnam does not export chicken. The outbreak comes just ahead of the Lunar New Year Festival of Tet in which the main course is chicken.

Monday January 12, Japan also confirmed it has avian influenza, which has killed thousands of chickens in southern Japan. Sunday night a farm in Ato in Yamaguchi, 500 miles southwest of Tokyo, lost about 6,000 birds overnight. Japan last reported having the disease 79 years ago in the 1920's. All eggs shipped to market from the Yamaguchi farm have been recalled. The remaining 28,600 birds at the farm are to be destroyed and buried. The chickens will not be available for export. Authorities are concerned as they have identified the virus at an early state and are acting fast.

Source: Various News Sources

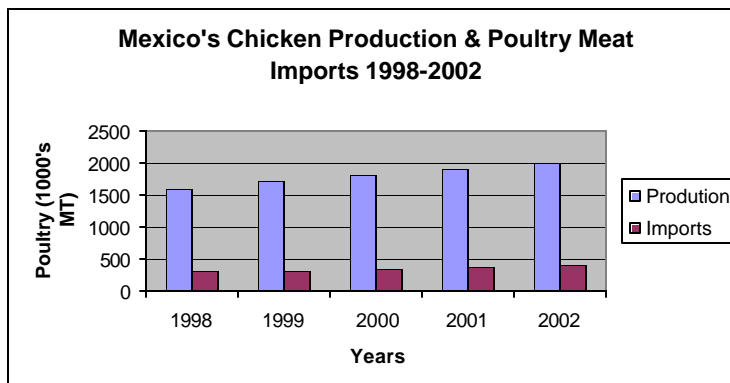
**Mexico:**

On December 26, 2003, Mexico's Secretariat of the Economy (SE) announced the country's 2004 NAFTA tariff rate quota (TRQ) for U.S. chicken leg quarters in Mexico's "Diario Oficial" (Federal Register.) TRQ amount is 101,000 metric tons of chicken leg quarters, which will be allocated to each company by way of the following criteria: 40% on previous records of allocation and 60% on cold storage and sales capacity.

Applications for the request of allocation of the "cupos" will be received from December 29, 2003 to January 5, 2004 for the first period, and from June 24-30, 2004 for the second period. The applications must be submitted in form SE-03-014 at the General Directorate of Foreign Trade of SE.

Broiler meat imports are expected to increase 5% from the revised 2003 import level to 295,000 tons, as a result of a strong demand in the processed foods sector. The safeguard on chicken leg quarters allows for duty free access of 100,000 tons in 2003 continuing through 2007 with a 1% growth each calendar year. Though the safeguard will limit growth of leg quarter imports to 1% annually, overall demand for other chicken products will maintain broiler export growth to Mexico. In 2002, U.S. broiler exports to Mexico were valued at \$83 million.

Source: USDA FAS



Source: Food & Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending December 20, 2003

Year-To-Date

	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	359	472	17,242	20,518
Frozen	0	0	96	21
Dried	40	80	599	915
Total	399	552	17,937	21,454

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending December 20, 2003

Year-To-Date

	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	26	14	5,444	6,012
Frozen	2	67	3,701	3,440
Dried	0	86	1,292	5,209
Total	28	167	10,437	14,661

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending December 20, 2003

Year-To-Date

	2003	2002 /1	2003	2002
Jumbo	19	50	622	1,673
Extra Large	4,250	3,076	44,228	55,678
Large	8,084	7,031	149,576	161,474
Medium	1,687	1,228	69,790	51,605
Ungraded	0	5,970	182,412	373,945
Misc	0	0	14,642	14,017
Total	14,040	17,355	461,270	658,392

Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

09-JAN-2004

**CHICKEN**— PRICES ——— VOLUME ———  
(Cents per Pound)**FAT**

CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-

WTD AVERAGE

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**— PRICES ——— VOLUME ———  
(Cents per Pound)**FAT**

CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.50	13.00-15.00	202,800	-
WTD AVERAGE	15.50	14.06		

15-20%

RANGE	12.25-13.00	10.00-13.75	1,767,200	1,237,200
WTD AVERAGE	12.29	10.95		

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 20-Dec-03  
(PRELIMINARY)**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,340	1,509	2,849
LAST WEEK	1,379	1,292	2,671
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,782	1,442	3,224
TO-DATE/2003	71,977	71,311	143,288
TO-DATE/2002	88,473	72,137	160,610

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	192	4	196
LAST WEEK	241	3	244
SAME WEEK YR AGO	341	11	352
TO-DATE/2003	10,883	152	11,035
TO-DATE/2002	15,300	301	15,601

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,532	1,513	3,045
LAST WEEK	1,620	1,295	2,915
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,123	1,453	3,576
TO-DATE/2003	82,860	71,463	154,323
TO-DATE/2002	103,773	72,438	176,211

SOURCE: USDA/AMS PLTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BR.

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

09-JAN-2004

**CHICKEN**— PRICES ——— VOLUME ———  
(Cents per Pound)**FAT**

CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-

WTD AVERAGE

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**— PRICES ——— VOLUME ———  
(Cents per Pound)**FAT**

CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.50-16.00	13.50	1,284,000	884,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.79	13.50		

15-20%

RANGE	15.50-19.00	12.00-13.50	1,628,000	468,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.67	12.84		

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	12.00	200,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.00		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 9 JANUARY 2004.

The market tone on tom bulk parts was fully steady to firm on necks and mechanically separated turkey, balance of items mixed and ranged from barely steady to fully steady. Demand was good on necks and mechanically separated turkey, balance light to moderate. The undertone on thigh meat was steady on fresh, steady to weak on frozen. Offerings of parts generally light on fresh, frozen was uneven and ranged from adequate to burdensome. Trading: 12 loads of fresh tom drums 40 cents delivered to a trader for February shipments; 2 loads of frozen tom breast meat to be produced 135 cents picked-up shipping point and hen thigh meat at 73.25 cents for export.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 09, 2004****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	40.00		40.00	20	40.52	324
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	36.00		36.00	20	36.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		W	25.00	40	25.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	19.17	156	17.91	300
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	82.00-84.00		83.00	80	81.44	448

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 08, 2004****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	41.00-42.00		41.57	184
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	25.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	17.50-20.00		19.17	156
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	84.00		84.00	52

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 07, 2004****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	39.00		39.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	25.00		25.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	16.00-16.50		16.28	92
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	75.50-84.00		81.92	212

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 06, 2004****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	41.15	282
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	17.00		17.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	78.00		78.00	104

**MONDAY, JANUARY 05, 2004****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	41.15	282
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		W	15.00	208
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	85.00	40

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

**INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS - U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE****U.S. EXPORTS TO CANADA, IN POUNDS (000) (PRELIMINARY)**

TYPE	Week Ending		Year-To-Date	
	December 27, 2003	2002 /1	2003	2002
LIQUID	49	262	17,291	20,780
FROZEN	0	0	96	21
DRIED	0	0	599	915
TOTAL	49	262	17,986	21,716

**U.S. IMPORTS FROM CANADA, IN POUNDS (000) (PRELIMINARY)**

TYPE	Week Ending		Year-To-Date	
	December 27, 2003	2002 /1	2003	2002
LIQUID	8	22	5,452	6,034
FROZEN	5	0	3,706	3,440
DRIED	0	0	1,292	5,209
TOTAL	13	22	10,450	14,683

**INSPECTED SHELL EGGS****U.S. EXPORTS TO CANADA, IN 30-DOZEN CASES (000) (PRELIMINARY)**

	Week Ending		Year-To-Date	
	December 27, 2003	2002 /1	2003	2002
JUMBO	33	50	655	1,723
EXTRA LARGE	1,230	600	45,458	56,278
LARGE	2,720	3,330	152,296	164,804
MEDIUM	0	1,619	69,790	53,224
UNGRADED	0	0	182,412	373,945
MISC	0	0	14,642	14,017
TOTAL	3,983	5,599	465,253	663,991

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding. Data Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.  
Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

**U.S. /CANADIAN LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER INSPECTION**

Week Ending 27-Dec-03

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	918	808	1,726
LAST WEEK	1,340	1,509	2,849
SAME WEEK YR AGO	967	678	1,645
TO-DATE/2003	72,895	72,119	145,014
TO-DATE/2002	89,440	72,815	162,255

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	88	7	95
LAST WEEK	192	4	196
SAME WEEK YR AGO	101	0	101
TO-DATE/2003	10,971	159	11,130
TO-DATE/2002	15,401	301	15,702

SOURCE: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,006	815	1,821
LAST WEEK	1,532	1,513	3,045
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,068	678	1,746
TO-DATE/2003	83,866	72,278	156,144
TO-DATE/2002	104,841	73,116	177,957

SOURCE: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch